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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT:

Infiltration Levels into SVN

The attached CIA study pulls together the infiltration data for the last infiltration year (September-August). It includes some significant comparisons which may give some insight on why NVN wants to settle.

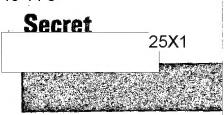
-- Total NVN manpower sent to South Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam was greater than during the Tet offensive.

Year, Sep-Aug	Total Leaving N	VN
1967-68	230,000	ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
1968-69	106,000	INSTRUCTIONS APPLY
1969-70	85,000	
1970-71	130,000	
1971-72	248,000	

- -- The inflow was concentrated in northern SVN this year; only 38.000 were sent to COSVN compared with 45,000 to COSVN last year.
- -- Infiltration continued heavy right through the wet season (July -August) at 57,000 compared with negligible numbers in the three previous years and 30,000 in 1967-68.
- -- There is no let up in the flow as infiltration in September-October 1972 of 16,000 is twice the level of a year ago. CIA believes the high infiltration level of 1971-72 will continue in 1973 unless there is a cease-fire. The study does not deal with NVN's problems in retaining quality while maintaining the current rate of inflow.
- -- The VC/NVA force structure in Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam was more than 350,000 in August 1972, the largest outside NVN thus far during the war.

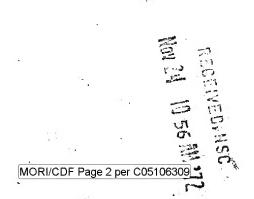
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